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Applicant:

Hirokazu TAKATAMA, et al.

Title:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- [] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

| | Claims As Amended | Previously Paid For | | Extra Claims Present | | Rate | | Additional Claims Fee |
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- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$1204.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$1204.00 is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 22, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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